

## SOCIETY NEWS NOTES.

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### EASTERN STAR MATRONS

#### GUESTS AT CHARMING DINNER

The home of Mrs. W. W. Letson on South Oregon street Saturday evening was the scene of the most elaborately appointed dinner of the winter season. The dinner party was home of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Dorman complimentary to the twelve Past and Matrons who have presided over the destinies of Star Chapter No. 69.

Those for whom the dinner was given were: Mrs. G. A. Pogue, Mrs. Steva Lackey, Mrs. Addie Lackey, Mrs. Olive McCulloch, Mrs. Elizabeth Dunbar, Mrs. C. W. Mallett, Mrs. J. D. Billingsley, Mrs. D. B. Purcell, Mrs. Ida Frazer, Mrs. Clara Clemment, Mrs. Leah Prinzing and Mrs. Foibel Adam. The out-of-town guests present were Mrs. H. C. Whitworth and Mrs. C. E. Kenyon of Weiser.

When the guests gathered at five o'clock they found the home tastefully decorated for the occasion. Festooned in double streamers to the chandeliers were the five colors of the order, the colors merging into fluffy balls which dangled from the ceilings, so that under the soft glow of the lights picturesque effects were produced.

The honored guests sat at the large table in the dining room which sparkled with cut glass and silver service and was centered with a beautiful bouquet of red and white roses. At this table the hostess presided for the five course dinner.

In the large living rooms were five tables, emblematical of the five points of the star, and each, in keeping with the carefully planned and faithfully executed color scheme was decorated with flowers, and favors typical of the various star points. At each table there presided the officer who at present occupies a point in the Star, or one who has occupied a point in the past. At the blue table cynosara was the flower used and Mrs. Annie Newton presided. Miss Margaret Dunbar presided at the yellow table where pepper plant was the decoration. White carnations were the centerpiece for the table which was presided over by Mrs. Margaret Scholes. Green ferns were used at the table where Mrs. Edith Sequin presided while red carnations were used at the red table where Mrs. Emory Hill presided.

Five dainty little maids, daughters of members, served the guests, they were: Gwendolyn Newton who cared for the white table; Alma Homan who served the yellow table; Clara Wood who cared for the blue table; Ruth McCulloch who served the green table and Inez Kerfoot who cared for the guests at the red table.

Between the courses of the banquet interesting toasts were proposed by honored guests, following the address of welcome by the hostess when she introduced Mrs. E. G. Bailey who took charge of program as toastmistress. After a short address by Mrs. Bailey on the work of the Eastern Star, Mrs. E. A. Fraser responded to the address of welcome and the following responded to toasts: Mrs. G. A. Pogue, "Early Days in the Chapter," Mrs. Addie Lackey, "Reminiscences of Star Chapter," Mrs. Foibel Adam, "Our Absent Members," Mrs. Olive McCulloch, "Our Obligation," Mrs. C. W. Mallett, voiced the appreciation of the honored guests for the compliment paid them by their hostess in so handsome a manner. Many other guests were called upon for impromptu remarks.

Following the dinner a musical program was given including beside choruses by the entire gathering the following numbers: vocal solo, Mrs. McCulloch; piano solo, Mrs. Homan; piano solo, Miss Inez Kerfoot; vocal solo, Mrs. H. L. Peterson and piano solo, Miss Gwendolyn Newton.

After a most enjoyable evening the gathering departed declaring that even the there were no men present the dinner party was one of the most successful they had ever attended.

The Bachelor girls gave a party Wednesday evening at the Moore Grotto, the Misses Ethel McNulty and Ruth Test being the hostesses of the evening. The entertainment was five hundred followed by dancing.

Mrs. H. C. Whitworth and Mrs. C. E. Kenyon formerly of Ontario were hostesses Thursday afternoon at a party in Weiser which a number of Ontario ladies attended.

Mrs. Lew Adams was hostess this week at the regular meeting of the Tuesday Bridge club.

### MUSIC CLUB'S RECITAL

#### PLEASES LARGE GATHERING

Mrs. Eugene Moore and Miss Florence French of Baker were the artists introduced to the music lovers of Ontario by the Music club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Dorman on Washington street Friday evening.

The recital given by the Baker artists was one that will long be remembered by the club members and their guests as one of the most pleasing ever given in Ontario. The visiting musicians added scores of admirers to the many they already possessed in Eastern Oregon and they will always be welcomed in Ontario. Mrs. Moore, who possesses a contralto voice of rare charm carried the burden of the program which was almost exclusively a song recital. With pleasing poise combined with sympathetic spirit reflecting that of the compositions being presented she threw herself into the selections in a charming manner. Perhaps the selection which was best liked was the Lullaby from Jocelyn, in this the larger register of the singer's voice was given the best opportunity to display its rich quality and power. The second portion of her program presented opportunities calling for a lively vivacity which was pleasing indeed.

In all of the songs presented Mrs. Moore was accompanied delightfully by Miss French at the piano. Miss French also added to the evening's pleasure with "The Norwegian Bridal Procession" by Grieg and "The Fairy March" by Mendelssohn both of which were played with marked appreciation and artistic expression. To these she responded with encores.

Following the program a reception was held in honor of the visiting artists and refreshments were served. The following was the program presented:

"Ah My Son," from the Prophet—Meyerbeer.  
"Lullaby," from Jocelyn—Godard.  
"Love's Whisper,"—Willeby.  
"Song of a Heart,"—Tunison.  
"Until"—Sanderson.  
"With You,"—Nutting.

Mrs. Eugene Moore.  
"Norwegian Bridal Procession,"—Grieg.  
"Fairy March"—Mendelssohn-Leschetizky.

Miss Florence French.  
"On the Bridge at Avignon"—French Folk Song.  
"Owl,"—Liza Lehmann.  
"I Hear The Thrush at Eve"—Cadman.

"From the Land of the Sky Blue Waters,"—Cadman.  
"Shadow March,"—del Riego.  
"Love's Dilemma,"—Richardson.  
Mrs. Moore.  
Waltz C Sharp Minor,—Chopin.  
Miss French.

### SILVER TEA FOR AID OF

#### SCHOLARSHIP LOAN FUND

The annual Silver Tea given under the auspices of the Woman's Club of Ontario will be held at the home of Mrs. E. M. Greig on Wednesday, January 31st. This tea, given in all the cities of the State for the benefit of the Scholarship Loan fund is always held on the last Wednesday of January, the day set apart for its observance by the State Federation and is worthy of the patronage of everyone in Ontario. Its object is to raise money for a fund to be loaned to any young woman of the state to assist her in getting an education. To quote from the Year Book of the Federation: "During the nine years since this fund was instituted, one hundred and eleven young women have received loans to the amount of \$12,345."

The Ontario Woman's club has always been prominent among the clubs for the amount of its donation and appeals now to the women of Ontario, who have been so generous in the past, to help them make this year a record breaker in point of attendance and donations.

A very complete and delightful birthday surprise party greeted Lynn Buchner on his return home from band and Oregon club minstrel practice Monday evening. Those partaking of the festivities were Messrs. Henry Casiday, Charley Grames, Alfred Holland, Schuyler, Barney and Earl Bull, David Erdick, The Misses Myrl Bingham, Bessie Morton, Gladys Erdick, Ruth Griffith, Tia Paulson, Nellie Lawson, Hazel Bull, Jessie Jenny, and Lela and Irma Buchner. Mrs. A. J. Blakey was chaperone for the party. Refreshments were served. When the gathering broke up all declared the evening a most enjoyable one.

### BLACKBAY-PLATT WEDDING

#### TAKES PLACE AT PAYETTE

At the rectory of the Episcopal church in Payette last Thursday evening occurred the marriage of Miss Nellie Bruce Platt, daughter of Charles W. Platt and James R. Blackaby, president of the Ontario National bank of this city. The impressive service of the Episcopal church was read by Rev. Thomas Ashworth of Payette in the presence of a few members of the immediate families of the bride and groom and a few immediate friends.

Following the ceremony the wedding party went to the hotel Bancroft where a wedding supper was served, following which Mr. and Mrs. Blackaby took the evening train for Portland. From there they went to San Francisco from which port they sailed Monday of this week for Honolulu where they will spend their honeymoon. They expect to return to Ontario late in March and will be at home here after April 1.

The bride has for some time been a member of the public school faculty and is well known in Ontario having resided here with her family for several years. By her charm of manner and gracious consideration she has won for herself a host of close friends.

The groom is one of the most prominent bankers and business men of this section having for years been connected with institutions in Oregon and Idaho and has always played a prominent part in every movement for the advancement of the commercial interests of this region. Beside being president of the Ontario National bank he is the senior partner in the Blackaby Commercial Company at Jordan Valley and the Home-land Forwarding company at Homedale.

Those who witnessed the ceremony at Payette last Thursday evening were: Charles W. Platt, Miss Mae Platt, Don Platt, Miss Lavina Smith, Miss Margaret Blackaby, Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Prinzing.

### GOOD WILL CLUB TO HAVE BURNS PROGRAM

The Good Will club will meet Friday evening at the home of Mrs. J. A. Draper where a literary program consisting largely of selections from Scotland's favorite poet, Robbie Burns, whose birthday is today, will be the feature. The gathering will also be in honor of Mrs. Vera Defoe. At the last meeting of the club which was held January 6 at the home of Mrs. Adrian Rutherford officers were elected for the coming year and the usual good time enjoyed by the club members at their meetings was had.

Mrs. Frank Rader was hostess at an afternoon bridge party Monday, her guests being the members of the Tuesday Bridge club.

The Wednesday Bridge club met this week with Mrs. M. E. Newton.

### AN EMBROIDERED CEILING.

It Once Graced the Chinese Imperial Palace at Peking.

One of the most beautiful and elaborate pieces of embroidery ever exhibited in New York was the ceiling of the council chamber of the imperial palace at Peking. This ceiling was formed of yellow silk of heavy quality that much resembled fall in the weave. The back was of a greenish blue, woven in a small diamond pattern. The total measurements of it all were twenty-one feet six inches long and nineteen feet six inches wide. The design with which it was embellished was an imperial dragon in the center and four others, one in each corner. Encircling these a groundwork was formed of cloud pattern, and dispersed were small bats and other symbols. The cloud effect was worked out in blue and purple and the bats in pink. The dragons were largely gold work, and a threefold line of gold surrounded each part of the design.

The story of this ceiling and how it came to New York includes a small part of Chinese history and custom. It was in the imperial council chamber at Peking that the envoys of the various nations met in 1902 to settle the Boxer difficulties. At the close of the session a representative of the emperor courteously informed them that the contents of the chamber were considered profaned by the presence of foreigners and that they were therefore at liberty to divide among themselves the chamber's furnishings. In this manner the ceiling fell to the share of the American envoy.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Too Long.  
Edith—Haven't you and Jack been engaged long enough to get married?  
Ethel—Too long! He hasn't got a cent left.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

## TOGGERY TO MOVE TO ENLARGED QUARTERS

William Laxon Seeks More Room For Haberdashery—Has Been in Ontario For the Past Six Years.

William Laxon, or as he is familiarly known, "Toggery Bill," will be glad to move his stock of goods next week to the south store room of the Farley building and expects to have his new quarters arranged by the first of the month.

The change in location is being made to secure larger quarters for the business which Mr. Laxon has built in Ontario during the past six years. It will be just six years February 1 since Mr. Laxon opened his Toggery in the building he has occupied all these years.

The new store building has been remodeled for his convenience and a handsome new rack for displaying suits and overcoats has been erected on the south side of the room. This rack is 80 feet in length and will be open so that inspection of the apparel hanging in the various sections may easily be had. On the north wall the shelves for haberdashery and show cases for other goods will be located. In the new location the floor space will be almost three times that of the present store.

### HE KNEW A GOOD PLAY.

The Sagacious Canine Didn't Even Have to Read It.

One day I brought to my rooms in Twenty-third street a box of old manuscripts. Leath and Trap, a bulldog and fox terrier, stood by and looked on idly while I as idly looked over the plays. Suddenly Trap flew at a heap of manuscripts and seized a printed book. We tried to get it from him. He dashed about the room, under and over the bed.

The landlady opened the door. Out went Trap, nearly upsetting my landlady. My brother Sam and I rushed after the dog. Trap headed down Twenty-third street direct to the Lyceum theater, play in mouth. In and out among cabs and cars, pedestrians and jehus, that wonderful dog went directly to the box office of the theater.

Frank Bunce, the business manager, beheld him. "What has he got there?" said he. "A play," said I. "Does he want me to read it?" said Bunce. "If you please," I replied. "Take it upstairs to Mr. Frohman," said the business manager.

"Twas done, Frohman read it. He accepted and produced it. The play had been written twenty years before by my father by Madison Morton and Robert Hecke. They called it "Trade." Frohman christened it "The Highest Bidder." The play was a great success and started both Dan Frohman and myself on the waters of prosperity.—Edward H. Sothern's "The Melancholy Tale of 'Me'."

A Useful Storm.  
Professor Cleveland Abbe, the American meteorologist, was generally credited with being the father of scientific weather forecasting. The possibility of predicting the weather was first considered at an international conference at Brussels in 1853, but the necessary impetus to the movement was given in 1854, during the Crimean war, by a violent storm in the Black sea, which caused havoc among the allied British and French vessels. One French warship was wrecked, and in consequence of this disaster the astronomer Le Verrier (the co-discoverer of Neptune, appropriately enough) was commissioned by the French government to investigate the meteorological conditions at the time of the storms.—Westminster Gazette.

Then He Drifted.  
"Miss Upson—Mildred," said the poor but otherwise honest and ambitious young man, "I have paddled my own canoe for years and feel sure I can support you. Will you be my wife?"  
"Nothing doing in the canoe line," replied the haughty maid. "If you had sailed your own yacht for years I might have considered your proposal."—Chicago News.

Anxious to Save Him.  
"What are you doing there?"  
"Figuring on the upkeep of an automobile."  
"You can't afford to buy an automobile."  
"I know it. I'm just getting up some data with which to convince a friend of mine that he can't afford to buy one either."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Weather or No.  
"Now tell us," sternly demanded the young legal luminary, whose brow overhung like the back of a snapping turtle, addressing the cowering witness, "what was the weather, if any, upon the afternoon in question?"—London Saturday Journal.

Doubts Heredity.  
"Do you believe in heredity?"  
"No."  
"Why not?"  
"Look at the cheap skates that had great ancestors."—Detroit Free Press.

## The Week With Ontario Citizens

(Local—Personal)

Mrs. John Palmer of Watson is in Ontario this week for a visit with friends.

Sam Mothershead, receiver of the U. S. Land Office at Burns was in Ontario enroute to Portland Wednesday. Judge and Mrs. Dalton Biggs went to Boise Tuesday returning on Wednesday.

Mrs. J. D. Faye and son of near Bonita came to Ontario on Sunday and returned to their home on Monday.

L. G. Olson was operated upon at the hospital Monday for chronic appendicitis and is reported to be doing well.

Pink Becker of Westfall was operated upon at the Holy Rosary hospital. The physicians report that his condition is satisfactory.

C. R. Emison recently negotiated the sale of 300 steers he has been feeding this winter. The transfer is to take place next month.

Floyd Hager of Cambridge, Idaho, came to Ontario on business Monday and to visit with relatives for a short time.

Mrs. Jesse Burrell is one of the grip victims who has been compelled to remain within doors during the past week.

Mr. G. Stubblefield went to Portland on a business trip the latter part of last week. He will be gone about two weeks.

Mr. M. E. Bain came down from Homestead Monday, work at his prospects having been discontinued on account of the freezing weather.

Mrs. Carrie B. Aker, of Boise, is sojourning at the home of her son, Attorney L. J. Aker, for a few days to get acquainted with her first grandson.

Sprague Adam who left for the east recently advises his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Adam that he has accepted a position with the Dodge Motor car company at Detroit.

Miss Mary Cupp of Weiser was the guest of Miss Lavina Smith over Sunday.

Mrs. Susan Snyder, of Meridian, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Leslie J. Aker, and her grandson, Mrs. Harry Tolleth and daughters also of Meridian, have been visiting Mrs. Aker and the baby.

Mrs. Wayne Hyde of Westfall came to Ontario Sunday returning that evening accompanied by Mrs. Woodward who had spent the week with her daughter, Mrs. Hyde and baby.

District Attorney, R. W. Swagler left Friday evening for Minneapolis, Minnesota where he was called on account of the serious illness of his mother. He will be absent from the city for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur VanSicklin, a bride and groom of recent date have gone to housekeeping in the brick residence on south Oregon street. Mrs. VanSicklin was formerly Miss Jessie Hicks of this city.

Attorney C. C. Wilson of Nyssa was in Ontario between trains Saturday evening while returning from a business trip to Vale. Mr. Wilson reports that the dredging machines for the Nyssa drainage district have arrived and that the work will soon be under way on that project.

### BOISE EYE SPECIALIST COMING TO ONTARIO.

Dr. M. D. Fleming of Boise will be in Ontario at the Ontario Pharmacy Friday and Saturday, January 26 and 27. All those who are having trouble with their eyes should see him. An examination may save trouble in the future. All work and all glasses pre-arranged are guaranteed. Remember the place, the Ontario Pharmacy and the dates, Friday and Saturday, January 26 and 27. Adv. 8-1

## Traders' Day SPECIALS

BEING OVERSTOCKED IN THE TWO ITEMS BELOW WE ARE GOING TO MAKE BARGAIN PRICES TO ASSIST THE MANAGEMENT OF TRADERS' DAY.

Traders' Day SPECIALS at Wilson Bros.

Jap Style Rice.  
4 pounds ..... \$ .25  
9 pounds ..... .50  
20 pounds ..... 1.00  
100 pounds ..... 4.75

Yellow Cling Peaches  
1 can ..... \$ .20  
7 cans ..... 1.00  
12 cans ..... 1.65  
24 cans ..... 3.25

WILSONBROS.  
THE GROCERS.

## WOOD PIPE FOR IRRIGATION

I am assembling cars of wood pipe for Ontario and Nyssa.

I can save you money on small lots or car loads. Address should reach me by February 15 as prices are likely to advance.

Allis Chamus Pumps and Motors.

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